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SUBJECT: CULCON: MODIFICATIONS IN 1968 EXCHANGE OF NOTES

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CHAIRMAN HALL, DPAO AND CAO HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MODIFICATIONS IN 1968 EXCHANGE OF NOTES, OTHER CULCON MATTERS, WITH NISHIMIYA, TANAKA AND MATSUMURA. IN SUBSTANCE, INFORMED THAT TREATIES BUREAU HAS DETERMINED THAT FORMAL RVISION OF NOTES IS REQUIRED AND THAT MATSUMURA, WORKING WITH TREATIES BUREAU, WILL MAKE ALL OUT EFFORT TO PREPARE PRELIMINARY TALKING PAPER IN VERY NEAR FUTURE, HOPEFULLY, BY TIME CHAIRMAN HALL DEPARTS FOR U.S. ON OCTOBER 30. WILL INFORM WHEN RECEIVED.

NISHIMIYA'S OFFICE SEEKING YOUNGER, MORE ACTIVE PANEL MEMBERS TO REPLACE AGING ORIGINAL MEMBERS SUCH AS MORITO, NAKAYAMA, AND MATSUMOTO WHO ARE STILL TECHNICALLY ON JAPANESE PANNEL ALTHOUGH LONG INACTIVE. DESPITE TWO YEAR TERM, REAPPOINTMENT HAS BEEN AUTOMATIC AND SOME HESITATION APPEARENT IN ATTEMPTING TO REPLACE THESE "GENRO".

PROBLEMS DO NOT APPEAR INSURMOUNTABLE. IMPRESSION IS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT JAPANESE WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH MODIFICATIONS

IN COMPOSITION OF AMERICAN PANEL NOR TERM OF OFFICE
OF AMERICAN MEMBERS (2C AND 2D-2) APPEAR MORE
CONCERNED MORE WITH ITEMS 2B AND 2D (1), BUT MUST
AWAIT MATSUMURA PAPER FOR DETAILS. NO APPARENT
PROBLEMS WITH OTHER ITEMS TO BE MODIFIED.
OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED: JAPAN FOUNDATION HAS
AGREED TO UNDER-
TAKE STRUCTURAL IMPEDIMENTS SURVEY
BUT WILL CONTRACT OUT TO PRIVATE FIRM. ON DATES
FOR NEXT HAWAII JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, CHAIRMAN
MAEDA PREFERS TAKE PLACE WITHIN LAST TEN DAYS OF
JUNE 1977. POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING MEETING AT
ANOTHER ISLAND SUCH AS KAUAI OR MAUI ALSO DISCUSSED.
WE MENTIONED POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WITH EWC ADMINISTRA-
TIVE SUPPORT OUTSIDE OAHU OR HILO. APPRECIATE YOUR
CHECKING THIS OUT.
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